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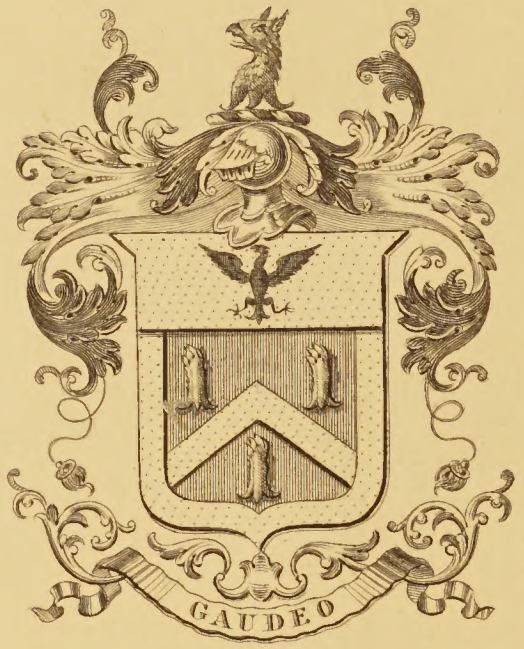

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Articles of Peace between the moſt Mighty Prince, and our Dread Sovereign Lord CHARLES *the Second, by the Grace of God, King of* Great Britain, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith,* &c. *And the ſeveral* Indian *Kings and Queens,* &c. *Aſſenters and Subſcribers hereunto, made and concluded at the Camp at* Middle Plantation *the* Twenty ninth *day of* May 1677. *being the day of the moſt happy Birth and Reſtauration of our ſaid Sovereign Lord, and in the Nine and twentieth Year of His Majeſties Reign, By the Right Honourable* Herbert Jefferies *Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governour of His Majeſties Colony of* Virginia.

Preſent,

The Honourable { Sir *John Berry* Knight, & *Francis Moriſon* Eſq; } His moſt Sacred Majeſties Commiſſioners appointed under the Great Seal of *England* for the Affairs of *Virginia*,

And

The Honourable Council of State of the ſaid Colony.

WHereas *His moſt Sacred Majeſty hath of His Own Royal Grace and meer Motion Intruſted to my Care and Endeavours the*

 Renewing,

Renewing, Management and Concluding a good Peace with the Neighbour Indians: *In Order whereunto (with the Advice and Assistance of the Honourable Sir* John Berry *Knight, and* Francis Morison *Esquire) I have caused to be drawn up these ensuing Articles and Overtures, for the firm Grounding, and sure Establishment of a good and just Peace with the said* Indians. *And that it may be a Secure and Lasting one (Founded upon the strong Pillars of Reciprocal Justice) by Confirming to them their Just Rights, and by Redress of their Wrongs and Injuries, That so the great God (who is a God of Peace, and lover of Justice) may uphold and prosper this our Mutual League and Amity, It is hereby Concluded, Consented to, and mutually Agreed, as followeth;*

Artic. I.

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THat the reſpective *Indian* Kings and Queens do from henceforth acknowledge to have their immediate Dependency on, and own all Subjection to the Great King of *England*, our now Dread Sovereign, His Heirs and Succeſſors, when they pay their Tribute to His Majeſties Governour for the time being.

II.

That thereupon the ſaid *Indian* Kings and Queens and their Subjects, ſhall hold their Lands, and have the ſame Confirmed to them and their Poſterity, by Patent under the Seal of this His Majeſties Colony, without any Fee, Gratuity or Reward for the ſame, in ſuch ſort, and in as free and firm manner as others His Majeſties Subjects have and enjoy their Lands and Poſſeſſions, paying

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ing yearly for and in lieu of a Quit Rent, or Acknowledgment for the ſame, onely Three *Indian* Arrows.

III.

That all *Indians* who are in Amity with Us, and have not Land ſufficient to Plant upon, be (upon Information) forthwith provided for, and Land laid out and Confirmed to them as aforeſaid, never to be diſturbed therein, or taken from them, ſo long as they own, keep and maintain their due Obedience and Subjection to His Majeſty, His Governour and Government, and Amity and Friendſhip towards the *Engliſh*.

IV.

Whereas by the mutual Diſcontents, Complaints, Jealouſies and Fears of *Engliſh* and *Indians*, occaſioned by the Violent Intruſions of divers *Engliſh* into their Lands, forcing the *Indians* by way of Revenge, to kill the Cattel and Hogs of the *Engliſh*, whereby

whereby Offence and Injuries being given and done on both ſides, the Peace of this His Majeſties Colony hath been much diſturbed, and the late unhappy Rebellion by this means (in a great meaſure) begun and fomented, which hath Involved this Countrey into ſo much Ruine and Miſery: For prevention of which Injuries and evil conſequences (as much as poſſibly we may) for time to come; It is hereby Concluded and Eſtabliſhed, That no *Engliſh* ſhall Seat or Plant nearer then Three miles of any *Indian* Town; and whoſoever hath made, or ſhall make any Incroachment upon their Lands, ſhall be removed from thence, and proceeded againſt as by the former Peace made, when the Honourable Colonel *Francis Moriſon* was Governour, and the Act of Aſſembly grounded thereupon, is Provided and Enacted.

V.

That the ſaid *Indians* be well Secured and Defended in their Perſons, Goods and Properties,

perties, againſt all hurts and injuries of the *Engliſh*; and that upon any breach or violation, hereof the aggrieved *Indians* do in the firſt place repair and Addreſs themſelves to the Governour, acquainting him therewith (without raſhly and ſuddenly betaking themſelves to any Hoſtile courſe for Satisfaction) who will Inflict ſuch Puniſhment on the wilful Infringers hereof, as the Laws of *England* or this Countrey permit, and as if ſuch hurt or injury had been done to any *Engliſhman*; which is but juſt and reaſonable, they owning themſelves to be under the Allegiance of His moſt Sacred Majeſty.

VI.

That no *Indian* King or Queen be Impriſoned without a ſpecial Warrant from His Majeſties Governour and Two of the Council, and that no other *Indian* be Impriſoned without a Warrant from a Juſtice of Peace, upon ſufficient cauſe of Commitment.

VII. That

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That the ſaid *Indians* have and enjoy their wonted conveniences of Oyſtering, Fiſhing, and gathering Tuchahoe, Curtenemons, Wild Oats, Ruſhes, Puckoone, or any thing elſe (for their natural ſupport) not uſeful to the *Engliſh*, upon the *Engliſh* Dividends; Always provided they firſt repair to ſome Publick Magiſtrate of good Repute, and inform him of their number and buſineſs, who ſhall not refuſe them a Certificate upon this or any other Lawful occaſion, ſo that they make due return thereof when they come back, and go directly home about their buſineſs, without wearing or carrying any manner of Weapon, or lodging under any *Engliſhmans* Dwelling-houſe one night.

VIII.

That no Foreign *Indian* be ſuffered to come to any *Engliſh* Plantation without a friendly neighbour *Indian* in his company with ſuch

Certificate as aforeſaid : and no *Indian* King is to refuſe to ſend a ſafe Conduct with the Foreigner, upon any Lawful occaſion of his coming in, and that no *Indian* do paint or diſguiſe themſelves when they come in.

IX.

That all *Indian* Kings and Queens Tributary to the *Engliſh*, having notice of any March of ſtrange *Indians* near the *Engliſh* Quarters or Plantations, do forthwith repair to ſome one of the next Officers of the Militia, and acquaint him of their Nation, number, and deſign, and which way they bend their courſe.

X.

That if neceſſary, a convenient Party be preſently ſent out by the next Colonel of the Militia, to Aid, Strengthen and joyn with our friendly *Indians* againſt any Foreign Attempt, Incurſion or Depredation upon the *Indian* Towns.

XI. That

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That every *Indian* fit to bear Arms, of the Neighbouring Nations in Peace with us, have ſuch quantity of Powder and Shot allotted him, as the Right Honourable the Governour ſhall think ſufficient on any occaſion, and that ſuch numbers of them be ready to go out with our Forces upon any March againſt the Enemy, and to receive ſuch Pay for their good Services, as ſhall be thought fit.

XII.

That each *Indian* King and Queen have equal Power to Govern their own People, and none to have greater Power then other, Except the Queen of *Pamunkey*, to whom ſeveral ſcattered Nations do now again own their ancient Subjection, and are agreed to come in and Plant themſelves under her Power and Government; Who with her, are alſo hereby included into this preſent

League and Treaty of Peace, and are to keep and obſerve the ſame towards the ſaid Queen in all things, as her Subjects, as well as towards the *Engliſh*.

XIII.

That no perſon whatſoever ſhall entertain or keep any Neighbouring *Indian* as Servant, or otherwiſe, but by Licence of the Governour, and to be upon Obligation anſwerable for all Injuries and Damages by him or them happening to be done to any *Engliſh*.

XIV.

That no *Engliſh* harbour or entertain any Vagrant or Runaway *Indian*, but convey him home by way of Paſs, from Juſtice to Juſtice to his own Town, under Penalty of paying ſo much *per* day for harbouring him, as by the Law for entertaining of Runaways is recoverable.

XV. That

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That no *Indian* (of thoſe in Amity with us) ſhall ſerve for any longer time then *Engliſh* of the like Ages ſhould ſerve by Act of Aſſembly, and ſhall not be ſold as Slaves.

XVI.

That every *Indian* King and Queen in the Moneth of *March* every year, with ſome of their Great Men, ſhall tender their Obedience to the Right Honourable His Majeſties Governour at the place of his Reſidence, whereever it ſhall be, and then and there pay the accuſtomed Tribute of Twenty Beaver Skins to the Governour, and alſo their Quit-Rent aforeſaid, in acknowledgment they hold their Crowns and Lands of the Great King of *England*.

XVII.

That due care be had and taken that thoſe *Indian* Kings and Queens, their Great Men and Attendants that come on any Publick Buſineſs

Buſineſs to the Right Honourable the Governour, Council or Aſſembly, may be accommodated with Proviſions and Houſe-room at the Publick Charge, and that no *Engliſh* Subject ſhall abuſe, revile, hurt or wrong them at any time in word or deed.

XVIII.

That upon any Diſcord or Breach of Peace happening to ariſe between any of the *Indians* in Amity with the *Engliſh*, upon the firſt appearance and beginning thereof, and before they enter into any open Acts of Hoſtility or War one againſt another, they ſhall repair to His Majeſties Governour, by whoſe Juſtice and Wiſdom it is concluded ſuch Difference ſhall be made up and decided, and to whoſe final Determination the ſaid *Indians* ſhall ſubmit and conform themſelves.

XIX.

That for the preventing the frequent miſ-

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chiefs and miſtakes occaſioned by unfaithful and corrupt Interpreters, and for the more ſafety, ſatisfaction, and advantage both of the *Indians* and *Engliſh*, That there be one of each Nation of our Neighbouring *Indians* that can already ſpeak, or may become capable of ſpeaking *Engliſh*, admitted together with thoſe of the *Engliſh*, to be their own Interpreters.

XX.

That the ſeveral *Indians* concluded in this Peace, do forthwith reſtore to the reſpective *Engliſh* Parents and Owners all ſuch Children, Servants and Horſes, which they have at any time taken from them, and are now remaining with them the ſaid *Indians*, or which they can make diſcovery of.

XXI.

That the Trade with the ſaid *Indians* be continued, limited, reſtrained or laid open, as ſhall make beſt for the Peace and Quiet

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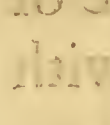
of the Countrey; upon which Affair the Governour will conſult with the Council and Aſſembly, and conclude thereon at their next meeting.

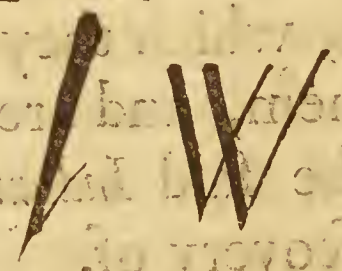
The Sign of the Queen of  *Pamunkey, on behalf of her ſelf and the ſeveral* Indians *under her Subjection.*

The Sign of the *Queen of* Waonoke.

The Sign of the King of the Not-toways.

The Sign of the King of the Nancymond Indians.

The Sign of Captain John Weſt.



Son to the Queen of Pamunkey.

XXI.

Convenit cum Originali.

Teſt. *Tho. Ludwell* Secretary.

Memorandum,

Memorandum the 29th day of *May*, 1677.

THat this Inſtrument of Peace being Read and Expounded to the ſeveral *Indian* Kings and Queens then preſent (at the Court at *Middle Plantation*) by Interpreters Sworn truly to perform the ſame, the ſaid *Indian* Kings and Queens Signed and delivered the Articles to the Honourable Governour upon their Knees, and received that other part, Signed and Delivered on behalf of the Kings Majeſty, in the ſame poſture of kneeling, of their own accords kiſſing the Paper as they Tranſferred it from hand to hand to each other, until every one had done the like Mark of Reverence to it, in ſign of a moſt free and joyful acceptance of this Peace concluded with them. At the ſame time *Pericuhtah* King of the *Appomatucks* being then preſent, did earneſtly deſire to be admitted to the Signing this Peace with the reſt; but he being ſuſpected, and Complained of to have Committed by himſelf or Sub-

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jects ſome Murthers on His Majeſties Subjects of *England*, was not admitted or included into this League at that time, nor is to partake of the benefit of this Peace, before he ſhall have cleared himſelf of this Guilt imputed to him, and Committed ſince His Majeſties Commiſſioners came into *Virginia*, as they were credibly informed: Which Exemption gave the *Engliſh* general ſatisfaction, to find there was ſo juſt Inquiſition made of the Bloud of their Slaughtered Brethren.

John Berry,

Francis Moriſon.

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